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CATTLE ON FEED

On March 1, 2001, Arizona had 307,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 12 percent from a year ago, and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 41,000 head, 52 percent above February 2000. During February, 28,000 head were marketed, an increase of 17 percent from last February.

On March 1, 2001, California had 440,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 9 percent from last March, down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 55,000 head, 10 percent above last year. During February, 50,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4 percent from February 2000.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 11.70 million head on March 1, 2001. The inventory was up 3 percent from the 11.33 million head on March 1, 2000 and 12 percent above March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.58 million, 16 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.50 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 336,000, 600-699 pounds were 402,000, 700-799 pounds were 517,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 325,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.75 million, 15 percent below 2000, and 5 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during February, 4 percent above 2000 and 25 percent above 1999.

Cattle on feed March 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States, for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, totaled 10.01 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above March 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.33 million, 17 percent below 2000 and 15 percent below 1999. Marketings during February totaled 1.48 million, 16 percent below 2000, and 5 percent below 1999. Other disappearance during February was 64,000 head, 36 percent above 2000 and 52 percent above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, NUMBER PLACED ON FEED, NUMBER MARKETED, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES 2000-2001

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements During February			Marketings During February			Other Disappearance During February 3/		
	Mar 1, 2001													
	Mar 1, 2000	Feb 1, 2001	Number	as % of 2000	as % of Feb	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	275	302	307	112	102	27	41	152	24	28	117	3	8	267
*CA	405	445	440	109	99	50	55	110	52	50	96	8	10	125
*CO	1,180	1,230	1,190	101	97	250	195	78	265	225	85	5	10	200
ID	305	325	320	105	98	70	59	84	57	62	109	8	2	25
*IA	375	385	385	103	100	39	45	115	48	44	92	1	1	100
*KS	2,320	2,500	2,470	106	99	420	335	80	430	350	81	10	15	150
*NE	2,310	2,430	2,380	103	98	390	310	79	440	350	80	10	10	100
NM	105	116	111	106	96	10	5	50	15	10	67	3	0	
OK	400	410	390	98	95	54	42	78	69	58	84	5	4	80
SD	200	205	207	104	101	37	35	95	36	29	81	1	4	400
*TX	2,830	2,930	2,840	100	97	430	350	81	490	430	88	10	10	100
WA	210	243	245	117	101	50	52	104	45	47	104	6	3	50
Other														
Sts	415	420	410	99	98	53	56	106	75	62	83	8	4	50
US	11,330	11,941	11,695	103	98	1,880	1,580	84	2,046	1,745	85	78	81	104

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 4.3 PERCENT

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.2 billion pounds, down 4.3 percent from February 2000. Most of the decline is due to an extra day of production in February 2000, because of leap year. Adjusting production for the additional day would put February 2001 milk production down 0.9 percent from last year. January revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 1.6 percent from January 2000. The January revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,440 pounds for February, 66 pounds below February 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 7,000 head more than February 2000, but 10,000 head less than January 2001.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, FEBRUARY 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000 Head		Lbs		Million Lbs		Percent
AZ	137	140	1,935	1,655	265	232	-12.5
CA	1,496	1,567	1,710	1,630	2,558	2,554	-0.2
FL	157	155	1,410	1,360	221	211	-4.5
ID	332	356	1,610	1,580	535	562	5.0
IL	120	117	1,480	1,380	178	161	-9.6
IN	141	150	1,330	1,305	188	196	4.3
IA	215	215	1,500	1,410	323	303	-6.2
KY	130	130	1,090	1,025	142	133	-6.3
MI	296	302	1,510	1,460	447	441	-1.3
MN	540	520	1,465	1,390	791	723	-8.6
MO	157	148	1,220	1,070	192	158	-17.7
NM	238	261	1,730	1,550	412	405	-1.7
NY	700	670	1,370	1,380	959	925	-3.5
OH	259	263	1,410	1,320	365	347	-4.9
PA	617	602	1,475	1,420	910	855	-6.0
TX	350	343	1,480	1,265	518	434	-16.2
VT	160	154	1,405	1,335	225	206	-8.4
VA	120	118	1,335	1,265	160	149	-6.9
WA	246	247	1,795	1,690	442	417	-5.7
WI	1,355	1,315	1,375	1,355	1,863	1,782	-4.3
20-State Total	7,766	7,773	1,506	1,440	11,694	11,194	-4.3

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

2000 WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2000 was 46.4 million pounds, down slightly from 1999. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 6.14 million head, down slightly from 1999. The average price paid for wool sold in 2000 was \$0.33 per pound for a total value of \$15.5 million dollars, down 13 percent from \$17.9 million dollars in 1999.

Mohair production in the three major producing states (Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas) during 2000 was 2.63 million pounds, down 9 percent from 1999. Goats and kids clipped, at 402,000 head, were down 9 percent from 1999. Average weight per clip at 6.5 pounds was unchanged compared to a year earlier. Value of mohair was \$10.6 million dollars, up 6 percent from 1999.

SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN, WEIGHT PER FLEECE, WOOL PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1999 AND 2000

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value of Production 1/	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		Lbs		1,000 Lbs		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
AZ	135	125	6.1	6.1	830	760	0.40	0.36	332	274
CA	480	530	7.6	7.5	3,630	4,000	0.35	0.29	1,271	1,160
CO	460	450	7.0	7.4	3,227	3,310	0.40	0.31	1,291	1,026
ID	237	228	9.3	9.6	2,194	2,190	0.36	0.23	790	504
MT	336	347	9.5	9.6	3,196	3,315	0.50	0.37	1,598	1,227
NV	74	72	9.1	9.1	670	655	0.33	0.28	221	183
NM	280	255	8.3	8.3	2,320	2,120	0.56	0.65	1,299	1,378
TX	1,170	1,130	6.8	6.6	7,956	7,506	0.49	0.49	3,898	3,678
UT	320	320	9.4	9.6	3,010	3,060	0.32	0.22	963	673
WA	42	44	8.4	8.0	353	351	0.40	0.40	141	140
WY	570	520	8.6	8.8	4,930	4,560	0.49	0.47	2,416	2,143
U.S.	6,158	6,140	7.6	7.6	46,592	46,446	0.38	0.33	17,860	15,377

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State's value.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.40 billion pounds in February, down 10 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in February 2000. February 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 1.88 billion pounds, was 13 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.58 million head, down 12 percent from February 2000. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,218 pounds. Veal production totaled 16 million pounds, 14 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,000 head, down 17 percent from February 2000. The average live weight was 10 pounds above last year, at 328 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.60 million head, 6 percent below February 2000. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 13 percent from February 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 245,000 head, 16 percent below the same time last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 5 pounds from February a year ago.

January - February red meat production was 7.34 billion pounds, 3 percent below the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef and veal production were each 6 percent lower, pork production was 2 percent higher, and lamb & mutton production was 7 percent lower.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

Class	February 2000	January 2001	February 2001	February 2001 as % of	
				February 2000	January 2001
1,000 Lbs		Percent			
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	30,600	33,000	30,000	98	91
UNITED STATES					
Million Lbs					
Beef	2,175	2,205	1,883	87	85
Veal	18	18	16	86	88
Pork	1,558	1,693	1,486	95	88
Lamb and Mutton	20	19	17	87	92
Total Red Meat	3,771	3,934	3,402	90	86

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, FEBRUARY 2001 AND U.S., JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2001 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	February 2001			January - February 2001		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
ARIZONA						
Cattle	40.9	50,799	1,242	5,581.6	4,088	1,222
Calves 4/				170.0	33	325
Hogs	0.3	82	271	16,246.6	3,178	264
Sheep 4/				513.8	36	143

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations but included in U.S. total.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in March was 104 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (4.0 percent) from the February Index. Higher prices for hogs, broilers, milk, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for apples, lettuce, strawberries, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of strawberries, asparagus, milk, and broilers were partially offset by lower marketings of cattle, cotton, oranges, and corn.

Compared with March 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 8 points (8.3 percent) higher. Price increases from March 2000 for milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for soybeans, corn, apples, grapefruit, and potatoes.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 124 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from February but 5 points (4.2 percent) above March 2000. Lower prices in March for insecticides, feed concentrates, complete feeds, and diesel fuel were offset by higher prices for herbicides, nitrogen fertilizers, LP gas, and feeder cattle.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., MARCH 2000 AND 2001 AND FEBRUARY 2001

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2000 Entire Month	February 2001 Entire Month	March 2001 Mid-Month	March 2000 Entire Month	February 2001 Entire Month	March 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	0.479	0.491	0.496
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.59	2.83	2.89
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.62	2.60	2.67
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.38	2.74	2.86
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	95.00	95.00	74.80	86.80	87.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	92.00	96.00	78.00	94.20	93.70
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	80.00	93.00	86.00	66.70	71.20	71.30
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	11.80	84.00	14.00	15.00	13.60	13.50
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	12.80	12.40	10.60	13.60	16.30	17.30
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	35.30	16.80	21.60	25.70	19.60	20.60
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	19.90	20.10	17.00	21.20	26.70	26.50
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	38.60	39.40	42.50	39.00	42.70	43.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	71.30	78.10	80.40	73.40	78.90	81.10
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	71.00	77.70	80.00	69.80	74.80	77.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	112.00	112.00	109.00	109.00	111.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.40	12.60	12.80	11.90	13.00	13.60

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary: Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2000		2001	
	February	March	February	March
Prices Received	93	96	100	104
Prices Paid	119	119	124	124
Ratio 1/	78	81	81	84

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.